

SENATE RESOLUTION 79

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A RESOLUTION to honor Jacky Akbari in celebration of Women's History Month in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, the month of March was officially designated as Women's History Month in 1987; and

WHEREAS, every March, Women's History Month provides an opportunity to honor the achievements of those women who have paved the way wherein every person has an opportunity to pursue the American dream; and

WHEREAS, the Volunteer State is proud to be the home of a number of historic, pioneering women, including the awe-inspiring Jacky Akbari, founder and managing principal of Worthington Advisory; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Akbari is a nationally recognized economic development leader focusing on strategic inclusive consulting; as founder and managing principal at Worthington Advisory, she leads key projects for relocating and existing businesses; and

WHEREAS, her critical influence has contributed to the growth and inclusive engagement of leading projects, and she has often been duly recognized for her impactful work, including being named to the Power 100 for four years by *Nashville Business Journal*, selected as a Most Powerful Woman by the *Nashville Post*, and receiving the Impact Award from the Nashville Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, her honors also include being inducted into the Tennessee State University Hall of Fame, receiving *Nashville Lifestyles'* Women in Business Award, and being named among the Women of Legend and Merit, *Nashville Business Journal's* Women of Influence, and YMCA's Academy of Women in Achievement; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her work with Worthington Advisory, Jacky Akbari is a member of the board of directors for Citizens Bank and Trust in Nashville and serves on the board of Cheekwood Botanical Gardens, the executive committee of the YMCA of Middle Tennessee, the board of the Rotary Club of Nashville, and the Black Chamber of Commerce Board; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Akbari was appointed to serve on the Tennessee Housing Development Agency Board by Governor Bill Lee and is a board chair of the CEO Roundtable and the National Organization for Workforce Diversity; and

WHEREAS, a noted leader who gives back to her community, Jacky Akbari is active in the International Women's Forum and a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority; she is an alumna of Leadership Nashville, Leadership Middle Tennessee, and Leadership Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, her many professional accomplishments aside, she is most thankful for the love of her husband, Professor Manuch Akbari; her children, Dr. Alex Akbari and Austin (Grace Davis) Akbari; and her grandson, Archer; and

WHEREAS, in saluting Ms. Akbari during Women's History Month, let us remember that when women succeed, America succeeds, as does Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor Jacky Akbari on her many contributions to the State of Tennessee as we celebrate Women's History Month and the generations of trailblazing women who have built our State and their vital contributions to our country's history.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.